

## Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update August 13, 2021



The delta variant accounted for 90% of positive tests sampled in New Jersey in the most recent four-week span available ending July 24. Earlier this week, Governor Murphy reported that of New Jersey's 4,332 positive tests between July 20-26, nearly 18% were breakthrough cases of those who had been fully vaccinated, which is up from previous weeks. Of the 378 coronavirus patients admitted to the state's hospitals in that time, 97% were unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated. And of the state's 21 coronavirus deaths in that time, all were either of unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people — the second consecutive week of no deaths among vaccinated people.

Locally, 26 cases were identified in Westfield between August 6 and August 12. Of these 26 cases, the age ranges are broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: Four cases
- Age 10-19: Two cases
- Age 20-29: Seven cases
- Age 30-39: One case
- Age 40-49: Five cases
- Age 50-59: One case
- Age 60-69: Two cases
- Age 70-79: Two cases
- Age 80-89: Two cases
- Age 90 and above: No cases

As it takes time to obtain breakthrough case information, we will include that data in the monthly reports.

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is up 29% from a week ago and up nearly 400% from a month ago. The statewide transmission rate is 1.32.

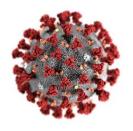
Statewide, vaccination rates have decreased 5% from last week's rate, with an average of 17.1K doses administered per day. Nearly 5.4 million New Jersey residents (59.3%) are fully vaccinated.

In Union County, 362,420 (65% of the total population) have received one dose of vaccine, and 319,862 (57.4% of the total population) are fully vaccinated.

In Westfield, 95% of those 65 and older, 95% of those 30 and older, 96% of the adult population (18+), and 76% of the entire population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. Fortunately, the percentage of fully vaccinated residents continues to increase, reflecting 91% of those 65 and older, 90% of those 30 and older, 90% of adults (18+), and 71% of the entire population.



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Any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call the Health Department at 908-789-4070.

The full update detailing other topics in Town is available <a href="here">here</a>.